REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 11-23 are currently pending in this application. Claims 11 and 18 have been amended. In view of the above amendments and following remarks, applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Claims 18-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Office action alleges that the claimed "address data formatted in accordance with a particular format from a plurality of possible formats," is not described in the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that quoted limitation is fully supported in the specification. For example, starting on page 14, line 25 to page 16, line 19, the specification refers to different address books (applications) that may have different formats than a comma-separated value (CSV) format. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the above-mention rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 11-12, 14 and 16-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Wesinger Jr. et al (U.S. Patent 6,324,538) in view of Baudisch; claims 18-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Wesinger in view of Martin; claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Wesinger in view of Baudisch and Harper; and claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Wesinger Jr. et al (U.S. Patent 6,324,538) in view of Baudisch and DeMarcken.

Independent claim 11 include, among other limitations, "storing a plurality of pre-approved addresses in a database," "printing a validated address on the VBI," and "storing information relating to the validated address in a companion file on the remote terminal upon a validation of the address." Applicant respectfully submits that Wesinger does not disclose or suggest the recited limitation.

Rather, the system of Wesinger simply performs a search (on an address or other things) from a database storing information (including addresses) and returns the results. Moreover, Browser Cache Switch of Baudisch does not teach or suggest "storing information relating to the validated address in a companion file on the remote terminal upon a validation of the address," as recited by claim 11.

As a result, neither Wesinger, nor Baudisch, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the above quoted limitation. Accordingly applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 recites a novel and unobvious method over Wesinger and is therefore allowable. Applicant further submits that claims 12-17, that depend directly or indirectly from claim 11 are allowable as is claim 11 and for additional limitations recited therein.

Independent claim 18 include, among other limitations, "storing a plurality of pre-approved addresses in the database," "comparing the address data in the predetermined format with pre-approved addresses in the database for validating the address," "presenting the results if one or more matches are found," and "printing the address on the VBI." Applicant

respectfully submits that Wesinger does not disclose or suggest the recited elements.

Rather, as indicated by the Examiner, the database management system of Wesinger supports Standard Query Language, or SQL. Wesinger then utilizes a "variety of HTML front-ending tools 109 which "run as extensions to the server software, allowing computer network users to each add entries to a database, search entries in the database, and update entries by that particular user, all using the Web (or a Web-like) graphical user interface. The server software and the HTML front-ending tools communicate through the Common Gateway Interface 111." (Wesinger, col. 4, lines 17-23). Thus, unlike claim 18 which receives data in a plurality of possible formats, Wesinger only teaches the manipulation of one received data format into a single predetermined format. Additionally, as discussed above with respect to claim 11, neither Wesinger nor Martin, alone or in combination, teach or suggest "storing a plurality of pre-approved addresses in the database," and "printing the address on the VBI," as recited by claim 18.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claim 18 recites a novel and unobvious method over Wesinger and Martin and is therefore allowable. Applicant further submits that claims 19-23, that depend directly or indirectly from claim 18 are allowable as is claim 18 and for additional limitations recited therein.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition
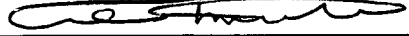
for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance
are respectfully requested.

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